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FOLLOWING TELEGRAM SENT ACTION BONN 19 JUN 78, BEING
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QUOTE:

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SUBJ: "ORDNER" FOR WORLD SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIPS IN BERLIN

REFS: (A) BONN 13335, (B) BONN 10783 (NOTAL)

SUMMARY: BERLIN SENAT CHANCELLERY RAISED USE OF OFF-DUTY WEST
GERMAN POLICE AS ADDITIONAL USHERS AND CROWD CONTROL PERSONNEL
(ORDNER) FOR UPCOMING WORLD SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIPS ABOUT TWO
MONTHS AGO. ALLIED LEGAL ADVISERS, DEPUTY POLADS AND PUBLIC
SAFETY ADVISERS REVIEWED REQUEST AT THAT TIME AND FOUND NO
OBJECTIONS. SENAT PLANNING TO TAKE FINAL DECISION ON ARRANGEMENTS
FOR WORLD SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIPS MORNING OF JUNE 20. END SUMMARY.

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1. HEAD OF SENAT CHANCELLERY HEIMANN RAISED QUESTION OF USING
NON-UNIFORMED, OFF-DUTY POLICEMEN ON LEAVE OF ABSENCE BY THEIR
RESPECTIVE LAENDER AUTHORITIES, TO SUPPLEMENT BERLIN POLICE
AS CROWD CONTROL PERSONNEL AND USHERS FOR UPCOMING WORLD SWIMMING
CHAMPIONSHIPS. ACCORDING TO SENAT OFFICIALS, BERLIN POLICE
FORCE WILL NOT BE ABLE TO PROVIDE SUFFICIENT PERSONNEL FOR THIS
PURPOSE BECAUSE (A) EXPECTED CROWDS WILL BE QUITE LARGE

AND, (B) SUBSTANTIAL NUMBERS OF WEST BERLIN POLICEMEN WILL BE ON LEAVE SINCE SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIPS TAKE PLACE DURING SUMMER SCHOOL HOLIDAYS.

2. PROPOSED ARRANGEMENTS WHEREBY OFF-DUTY POLICEMEN FROM WEST GERMAN WOULD BE USED AS "ORDNER" IN WEST BERLIN ARE EXACTLY THE SAME AS THAT FOLLOWED BY OLYMPIC GAMES ORGANIZERS IN MUNICH IN 1972. POLICEMEN FROM WEST GERMANY WILL BE GIVEN LEAVE OF ABSENCE WITH PAY BY THEIR RESPECTIVE LAND AUTHORITIES. THEY WILL BE HIRED IN WEST BERLIN UNDER PRIVATE CONTRACT BY ORGANIZERS OF WORLD SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIPS. THEY WILL NOT RPT NOT BE IN UNIFORM AND WILL NOT RPT NOT BE ACTING IN THE CAPACITY AS POLICEMEN BUT AS USHERS. THEY WILL RECEIVE PAYMENT FROM THE SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIP ORGANIZERS FOR THEIR SERVICES IN BERLIN.

3. ALLIED LEGAL ADVISERS, PUBLIC SAFETY ADVISERS AND DEPUTY POLADS REVIEWED PROPOSAL TO USE OFF-DUTY POLICEMEN AS ORDNER AND FOUND NO REASON TO OBJECT TO IT. NO FORMAL APPROVAL WAS SOUGHT BY SENAT AND ALLIES, SEEING NO PROBLEM WITH PROPOSAL LET IT STAND WITHOUT RAISING OBJECTION. SENAT PLANS TO APPROVE PLANS FOR SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIPS JUNE 20.

4. COMMENT: WE ARE VERY SURPRISED TO READ (REFTEL)
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THAT BRITISH APPEAR AT THIS POINT TO HAVE "POLITICAL" OBJECTIONS TO THIS PROPOSAL. CERTAINLY THEY HAVE NOT MENTIONED THIS TO US HERE. WE DO NOT KNOW WHAT FRG AND WEST BERLIN FEELINGS WOULD BE WERE WARSAW PACT PARTICIPANTS TO WITHDRAW, BUT WOULD GUESS THAT THEY WOULD BE MUCH AS THEY WERE WHEN EAST BLOC COUNTRIES WITHDREW FROM LAST YEAR'S BERLIN FESTIVAL WEEKS; IT WILL HURT THE BLOC COUNTRIES, BUT NOT WEST BERLIN. UNQUOTE
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